Completion of Golden Quadrilateral Project

729. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released total funds to complete four Golden Quadrilateral Road, East-West Corridor Road and North-South Road (Kashmir to Kanyakumari and Saurashtra to Silchar Road); and

(b) by when it is likely to be completed and the reasons for not completing of NH-5, Chennai to Kolkata Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) Funds are released annually by the Government based on the expenditure requirement for the completion of projects including Golden Quadrilateral and North-South and East-West (N-S-EW) corridor projects.

(b) Golden Quadrilateral is targeted for completion by December 2010 and NS-EW corridor is targeted for substantial completion by Dec-2010. Portion of NH-5 in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh has already been completed. There is a delay in completion of NH-5 in Orissa as three contracts were terminated due to persistent non-performance of the contractors. The balance work has since been awarded. Out of 391 Km of NH-5 in Orissa, 310 km has already been completed and work in balance length of 81 km is targeted for completion by October, 2011.

New Elevated Expressway Project from Chennai Port to Maduravayal

730. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the proposed execution of new Elevated Expressway Project from Chennai Port to Maduravayal fully funded by the Union Government causes displacement of many families who live in their own houses for decades;

(b) whether their grievances are being taken into consideration for redressal by Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Elevated Road from Chennai Port to Maduravayal is proposed along Cooum River in Chennai and is being executed through National Highways Authority of India.

The alignment passes along the banks of Cooum river from Chennai port to Koyambedu and then along NH4 from Koyambedu to Maduravayal.

Slums are existing along the Cooum River and the Government of Tamil Nadu and Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board (TNSCB) have identified 11,193 Project affected families. The land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement is being done by the Govt. of Tamil Nadu and

Chennai Port Trust. The Government of Tamil Nadu through TNSCB have taken up the construction of tenements for the eligible Project Affected Families (PAFs) under Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) Package. Initially each PAF will be given an amount of Rs. 1000/- towards shifting allowance and Rs. 1000/- towards rental allowance for 21 months. In the mean time the tenements will be constructed by TNSCB under R&R Package before 21 months and shall be allotted to PAFs.

The acquisition of private permanent houses and structures (other than PAFs) along the alignment is being done as per NH Act.

(d) Does not arise.

High level committee on the introduction of HSRPs

731. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a high-level committee to look into the various aspects and problems resulting by introduction of High Security Registration Plates of vehicles throughout the country;

(b) if so, the composition, tenure and terms and conditions of the committee;

(c) whether the committee so constituted will look into the grievances of All India Private Vehicles Owners Association (AIPVOA), State Transport Departments and various firms connected with such business;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO S. KHANDELA) : (a) The Government has constituted a Committee under the convenorship of Joint Secretary (transport) in this Ministry to look into various aspects relating to implementation of HSRP.

(b) A copy of the Office Memorandum dated 10th September, 2009 is given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) to (e) The Committee will work within the ambit of the mandate given to it. This is a Standing Committee and will make its recommendations to the Government from time to time.

Statement

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